

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1632

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In Re Application of: Antoniou and

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For: SELF-REPLICATING EPISOMAL EXPRESSION VECTORS

CONFERRING TISSUE-SPECIFIC GENE EXPRESSION

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) The self-replicating episomal DNA expression vector of claim 2 wherein the component of an Lerk is a component of the β-globin LCR selected from the group consisting of HS3 and HS4, and combinations thereof.

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